


**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT**

**I. HEADING**

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**Subject:** Kraus Enterprises - 20 Isabelle Street, Buffalo, NY. Site buildings in poor conditions containing over 2,000 containers of various maintenance chemicals. Site contains paints, solvents, oil, corrosive detergents, and asbestos from piping.

**POLREP NO:** Nine (9)

**II. BACKGROUND**

**SITE/SPILL NO.:** 02WL  
**RESPONSE AUTHORITY:** CERCLA/SARA  
**NPL STATUS:** Non-NPL  
**RESPONSE TYPE:** Emergency  
**CERCLIS ID:** NYO000201939  
**REMOVAL START DATE:** June 10, 2005  
**COMPLETION DATE:** N/A  
**INCIDENT CATEGORY:** Removal Action

**III. RESPONSE INFORMATION**

**A. Situation**  
See POLREP I.

**B. Actions Taken**

1. Two cleanup crews are working within the site buildings. One cleanup crew is in charge of asbestos abatement. The other is in charge of hazardous material removal and asbestos abatement team support.

2. Asbestos abatement team has removed approximately 3,700 linear feet of asbestos. Asbestos is being abated via glove bagging and then double bagged for disposal. A total of 614 asbestos bags have been prepared for disposal to date. All asbestos abatement actions have been completed outside of site buildings. Work is being done indoors in the main warehouse section.
3. Shipments of asbestos waste have commenced. Asbestos is being sent to Allied Waste's (formerly BFI) landfill located in Niagara Falls, NY. A total of 4.9 tons (approximately 40 cubic yards) Has been shipped to date.
4. Asbestos abatement monitoring by third party monitor has shown that EPA is within the asbestos abatement action level guidelines for particulates and asbestos.
5. Hazardous materials teams have completed 85% PCB ballast removal. A total of 1,250 light fixtures have been processed to date. PCB transformers have been removed to staging area and are being palletized prior to off-site shipment. Waste disposal vendor has been selected and profiling is occurring. Shipment of waste from the site will be completed within the next several weeks.
6. All of the 168 cylinders found on site have been processed on-site or have been returned to multiple compressed gas vendors in the area. The processed cylinders have been punched to ensure all gas was removed. These remnants of cylinders will be sent off-site in the near future along with the 200+ empty contains found on-site.
7. A UST with unknown materials was discovered in the area where the electrical transformers were located. EPA is investigating the suspected tank and will determine if removal is warranted.
8. A portion of the site outside the perimeter has been fenced based upon recommendations by the City of Buffalo. 600 feet of fencing was installed along Crowley Street to protect the street from falling bricks and deteriorated building conditions.
9. A portion of the interior sections of the building has collapsed. Steel support beams which have shifted were shored by ERRS personnel. The area of the collapsed building has been sectioned off with caution tape and made off-limits.

#### **C. Future Actions**

1. Asbestos abatement will continue.
2. Off-site shipments of waste will commence.
3. Additional debris will be removed from within site buildings off-site to facilitate the use of lift equipment in the asbestos abatement areas.

**D. Key Issues**

None.

**IV. COST INFORMATION: As of 06/12/06**

Site Ceiling as of 06/12/06			
	Total Ceiling	Costs to Date	Amount Remaining
WRS	\$ 1,306,000	\$ 950,000	\$ 356,000
RST (Weston Solutions)	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000
EPA	\$ 100,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000
Totals	\$ 1,466,000	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 416,000

The costs above reflect the amounts obligated to the project at this time but do not reflect the entire site ceiling amounts. If additional funding is necessary, the totals will be adjusted accordingly.

An additional \$261,000 was added to cost information section and obligated to the ERRS contractor on 6/8/06.

The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data, which the OSC must rely upon, may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.